the hands of that God from whom we first re-
ceived him, & who has spared him to us so
much longer than at some times we thought
it probable he could survive. His own mind
is usually calm & undisturbed, & he convers-
es freely upon the probable result of his
disease without any apparent alarm. His
whole deportment evinces a resignation to
the divine will, which is highly satisfac-
tory to us. M. Jappan will probably write
by this vessel, & inform you of events of
a more general & public nature. Having
now the business of both the anti-Slavery &
the Miss'y Societies to attend to, my time is very
much occupied, especially since Robert has been
unable to write the Miss'y wrappers, & several
hundred subscriptions for the Era have passed
through my hands, whose names have to record-
ed, their subscriptions credited, & their
names forwarded to Washington. All this, with
watching with our sick boy, night after night, tries
my physical capabilities rather severely, &
leaves me nothing that can rightly be called
leisure. Our friends here are generally well as
far as I am informed. J. R. Gibbs has secured
1/2 of Gerit Smith's farm lots. Bro. Cornish's daugh-
ter has died. But I am out to the corner of my last
Page. Hoping soon to hear better news from you, I am
truly Yours Wm. Haines.

I am truly sorry to learn that your health is so little improved by all your journeyings & privations. We had hoped for better news, after waiting so long to hear from you. But we will hope that you will yet derive essential benefit from your temporary exile. Yesterday, when presenting your regards, as requested, to Bro. Lee, he informed me that Orange Scott is now on his back, with little prospect of his getting about again. Among those who are sick, the one which most concerns us is our dear son. Since you left, he has grown constantly worse, altho' Dr. Mitchell has been assiduous in his attentions to him; & has given him the advantage of his skill to the utmost. About a month ago, I was induced to make a change of physicians & of systems of practice. We are now trying the virtues of Homeopathy, having secured the services of the most distinguished practitioner on that plan in Brooklyn. Perhaps I am safe in saying that he is not worse than he was when Dr. Rosman took charge of his case. He thinks he sees enough within a few days past, to warrant him to persevere in the use of ~~his~~ the remedies which he has been using with the hope of expelling the water from his system. I am sorry that we did not try this new system at an earlier day - as it is, we feel that our boy is in

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Bro. Phelps. A letter from Mrs. P. has just reached me, containing, as I learn by a note from her, afflicting intelligence for you. Under the discipline of affliction myself, I can the more fully sympathise with you in this bereavement. You know where to look for consolation; & find much, no doubt, in the hope that your temporary loss is, to the departed, an eternal gain. I am crowded up to the very end with work. but believing that a few lines from me will at least count as one more of your recpts by the next vessel, I must steal the time to acknowledge your kind note from Oberlin, rec.d a few days since. We have just been advised of a vessel up for Kingston at Baltimore to sail with despatch. I hope that I shall have time to get not only this & Mrs. P.'s letter to you, but thro' the agency of our friends in that city, that I shall get off a good lot of papers which I have been gathering for you since the Lyra sailed. I have not your note by me; but can probably recollect its principal points. You need not be uneasy about my dunning Kenshaw. He gave no evidence, when he paid me, that he thought me at all severe; & I am sure that both he & Mrs. P. are glad it is paid. But Johnson is a harder case: he dems himself every time he comes to the office. but unfortunately, that is about all. None of the "anangements" which were to furnish him with the means of payment have yet been consummated; & now he is off on another agency for the Amer. Miss. Assn. so that it is not likely I shall hear any thing from him for a while. In the mean time, by Mrs. P.'s request, I have drawn on Mr. Whiting for $50. which I have this day mailed for her.

Your books do not sell. The market is glutted with 2nd. hand Theological works, at prices that would surprise you. The few which I have disposed of, I was obliged to let go considerably under the prices marked. I hope when the Spring opens to have more customers in that line. I am glad that the little pains taken in sending the papers &c. has afforded you so much pleasure: if I can only get to know when vessels sail, I will keep you fully supplied. I think I sent you the Almanacs. but you can dispose of another ½ doz. & I will send them by the Annandale, if I can. We have only abt. 500 left out of 12.500, & I think have made them pay good part if not the whole of our past year's Rent.